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White Sea at Veshnyak Island (N 67-07, E 41-23) fortifications consisting of four large guns behind a rampart. These guns were located along the coast where it cuts in northwest of Veshnyak Island itself. All four gun barrels were observed pointed in a northeasterly direction, and the guns were about 15 centimeters. The guns were all of the same type and were located about 50 to 100 meters from each other. the guns were not fired. However, many people around the guns although only their heads were visible over the wall. gun practice was in progress.

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2.

in Omega, only a small motorboat with three or four military personnel aboard. There was a building under construction in Omega; this building was a factory for the production of prefabricated houses. The factory had burned down in the summer of 1952 and was being rebuilt on the same spot. The roof of the factory was laid while informant was in Omega. the factory made prefabricated sections for use in wooden huts. There was a railway track in the warehouse area. Railway cars could be directed among the lumber piles by means of a turntable. There was little traffic in the harbor. two small tugs and a Soviet sealing vessel, which was lying at anchor.

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5. [redacted] four warships [redacted] in the vicinity of Cape Orlov (N 67-13, E 41-18). One of the vessels towed a target, but [redacted] did not observe any firing. 50X1-HUM Each ship was about 150 feet in length. It had an overhanging bow, a straight stern, one stack, and a lifeboat on the afterdeck. The bridge was located on the after edge of the forecastle, and the signal mast was located on the forward edge of the bridge. There was one gun on the foredeck, and one gun on the after deck; antiaircraft guns were located on each side of the ship aft of the stack.
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